

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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OLD RAIL ENGINES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of engines in the Railways along with the number of such engines which are still being plied despite their life-span is over;
- (b) whether the Government propose to immediately replace these engines in view of the fear of accidents by plying such engines;
- (c) if so, by when; and
- (d) the amount likely to be spent thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

- (a): On Indian Railways, 33 Steam, 4835 Diesel and 2958 Electronic locomotives are working. Out of which 33 Steam, 301 Diesel and 18 MG Electric locomotives are working beyond their codal life.
- (b) & (c): Main line broad gauge overaged locos are likely to be replaced by end of 10th five year Plan. However, the steam locos are not being replaced for heritage reasons and MG locos are not being replaced in view of on-going broad gauge conversion. However, it is ensured that all locomotives, irrespective of age, are kept in good mechanical fettle to ensure safety of train operations.
- (d): The amount likely to be spent is approximately Rs. 884 crores for replacing main line Broad Gauge Diesel locos.